

Comprehensive Plan to End YYA Homelessness in King County by 2020

Homeless YYA Stakeholder Forum

8/27/2013

Mercer Island Library



Presentation Objectives

- Offer broad overview of plan contents
- Understand “system” and “program” level recommendations
- Next steps

Other Initiative Updates:

- Community Sign In Launch
- Youth Housing Connection Feedback Meetings

- The Comprehensive Plan to End Youth and Young Adult (YYA) Homelessness in King County by 2020 identifies our community's vision to end homelessness among YYA in King County by 2020 and our 18 month implementation strategy to begin delivering on this vision.

Our Vision:

- No youth or young adult should be sleeping outdoors because they do not have safe or stable housing.

Our Strategy:

- Align and secure resources;
- Engage families;
- Ensure that interventions meet the needs of youth of color and LGBTQ YYA;
- Work across systems;
- Build better understanding; &
- Use data to drive our decision-making.

The YYA Plan identifies:

- Priority investments
- The expected impact of those investments
- Our end impact goal in 2020 – how we define “ending homelessness among YYA”
- Annual system-wide benchmarks
- Timeline to analyze progress and update our strategy/direction

Update on Priority Action Steps

- We are currently mid-way through a 3-year implementation plan focusing on **prevention**, **coordinated engagement**, and **data**
- Accomplishments over the past 18 months include:
 - Expanding/launching National Safe Place and Project SAFE;
 - Coordinated engagement and Community Sign In; and
 - Additional funding towards services

Understanding YYA Homelessness

- 1.6 – 1.7 million runaway/homeless youth under 18 in the United States
- Youth of color and LGBTQ youth are disproportionately represented
- **In 2012, over 5,000 unique YYA participated in a homeless program in King County**
- 57% were in YYA programs
- In January of 2013, 776 homeless or unstably housed YYA were counted in King County during Count Us In

Outcome Goals

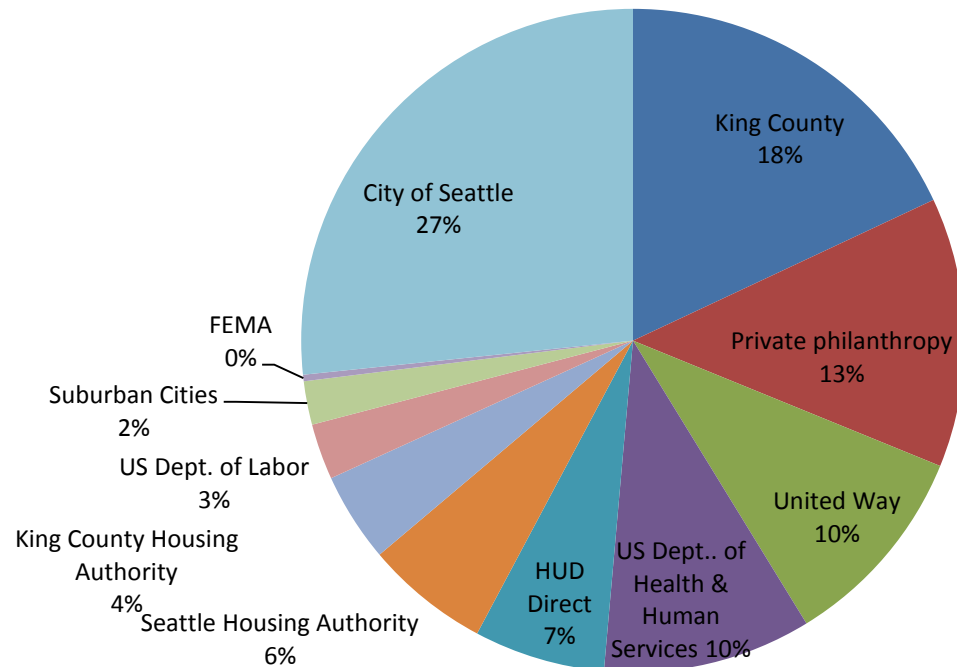
- YYA Logic Model focuses on:
 - stable housing,
 - permanent connections,
 - education and employment, and
 - emotional well-being (USICH)
- Benchmarks:
 1. Fewer YYA experience homelessness.
 2. Length of time YYA are homeless is shorter.
 3. Fewer YYA return to homelessness.
 4. Decrease disproportionate over-representation of homeless LGBTQ YYA and homeless YYA of color.

Landscape Scan: Housing & Services

- Strengthening permanent connections is a critical component of our continuum
- 428 = YYA that can be housed on any given night in King County in YYA-specific programs

Landscape Scan: Funding

Funders



Landscape Scan: Baseline Data

Of the over 5,000 YYA homeless in 2012:

- 67% were people of color
- 63% of YYA in the YYA system are 18 - 21 years
- 2 mo = average YYA stay in emergency shelter
- 7 mo = average YYA transitional housing stay
- 18% of YYA who move from housing programs to permanent housing became homeless again within a year

Recommendations - System Level

- Capacity building to support family reunification
- Explicit focus on disproportionality
- Prevent exits to homelessness for youth in care
- Strengthen data and evaluation
- Align and cultivate funding

Recommendations - Program Level

- Family reunification intervention
- Address system disproportionality
- Shelter for 18 – 25 year olds in S King Co.
- Low barrier housing
- Clear path to employment
 - education particularly for youth under 18
- Housing stability team
- Rental assistance with supports

The Work Ahead: Sept - Dec 2013

- Plan Released – projected late Sept 2013
- 18 month work plan
- Steering committee of the CEH and YYA Funders Group determine Plan funding strategy
- YYA Evaluation/Learning Team convened
- Governing Board hears vote at Oct Meeting
- Dec. 2013 – First Homeless YYA Initiative quarterly progress report (ongoing hereafter)

The Work Ahead: Jan - Mar 2014

- Projected – Funding released
- Work with the City of Seattle to understand the needs of unstably housed YYA
- Child welfare & juvenile justice workgroup convened
- March 2014 – First Homeless YYA Initiative bi-annual progress report (ongoing hereafter)
- March 2014 – 6 month Community Sign In data (projected)

March 2015 to 2020

- March 2014 – March 2015:
 - Priority Activities Implemented
- March/April 2015:
 - First Comprehensive Plan Update
- Comprehensive Plan Update Annually Each March/April

Initiative Update: Community Sign In

- Currently clearing the consent form with funders
- Please complete the following to prepare for launch:
 1. Install the Youth Housing Connection's Database
 2. Ensure your list of CSI Users are up to date
 3. Obtain usernames and passwords
- *CSI Launch date will be confirmed as soon as possible*

Initiative Update: Youth Housing Connection

YHC Feedback Meetings – An opportunity for service providers and partners to provide input.

- First Wednesday of the month
- 9/4/13 | 9:30-10:30am
- Location: Bellevue Public Library

- Third Monday of the month
- 9/16/2013 | 9:30-10:30am
- Location: CCS, 100 23rd Ave South, Seattle, WA 98144

Questions?

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Next Stakeholder Forum:

September 24th, 2 – 3:30

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